

SUBTITLE E—EFFECTIVE DATE; REGULATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF
CHAIRMEN

Section 1451—Effective Date

This section would provide that title II of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403 et seq.) as added by this title and the amendments and repeals shall take effect within one year of enactment of this Act.

Section 1452—Regulations

This section would provide that within one year after the enactment of this Act, the Chairmen of the current Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) and the current General Services Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) in consultation with the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy (Administrator) jointly issue procedural rules, regulations, and statements of policy for the Defense Board of Contract Appeals and Civilian Board of Contract Appeals. This section would further provide that within one year of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the ASBCA shall issue rules governing the establishment of a register of applicants and selection of judges for the Defense Board and the Administrator shall do the same for the Civilian Board.

Section 1453—Appointment of Chairmen of Defense Board and
Civilian Board

This section would provide that notwithstanding section 1451 above, within one year of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint the Chairman of the Defense Board of Contract Appeals and the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall appoint the Chairman of the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals.

TITLE XV—AUTHORIZATION OF INCREASED
COSTS DUE TO OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

OVERVIEW

The committee recommends authorization of \$49,069.2 million in funds to be appropriated available upon enactment of this Act to support the defense activities principally associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Operation Enduring Freedom. These funds are designated for emergency contingency operations related to the global war on terrorism pursuant to H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, as passed by the House of Representative on March 17, 2005.

SUMMARY TABLE OF AUTHORIZATIONS

The following table summarizes authorizations included in the bill for ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Title XV - EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION
(Dollars in Thousands)

PROGRAM TITLE	Committee Authorization Recommendation	Committee Budget Authority Recommendation
PROCUREMENT		
Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles Procurement, Army	574,627	574,627
Ammunition Procurement, Army	105,700	105,700
Other Procurement, Army	1,945,350	1,945,350
Weapons Procurement, Navy	36,800	36,800
Ammunition Procurement, Navy / Marine Corps	144,721	144,721
Other Procurement, Navy	15,300	15,300
Procurement, Marine Corps	445,400	445,400
Procurement, Defense-wide	103,900	103,900
Total Procurement	3,371,798	3,371,798
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION		
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Defense-Wide	75,000	75,000
Total Research, Development, Test and Evaluation	75,000	75,000
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
Operation and Maintenance, Army	20,305,001	20,305,001
Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve	26,400	26,400
Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard	159,500	159,500
Operation and Maintenance, Navy	1,838,000	1,838,000
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps	1,791,800	1,791,800
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	3,195,352	3,195,352
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide	2,870,333	2,870,333
Total Operation and Maintenance	30,186,386	30,186,386
OTHER PROGRAMS		
Defense Working Capital Funds	1,700,000	1,700,000
Defense Health Program	846,000	846,000
Iraqi Freedom Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Classified Programs	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total Other Programs	6,046,000	6,046,000
MILITARY PERSONNEL		
Military Personnel, Army	6,689,334	6,689,334
Military Personnel, Army Reserve	137,200	137,200
Military Personnel, Army National Guard	67,000	67,000
Military Personnel, Navy	300,000	300,000
Military Personnel, Marine Corps	662,600	662,600
Military Personnel, Air Force	1,011,022	1,011,022
Military Personnel, Benefits	522,854	522,854
Total Military Personnel	9,390,010	9,390,010
Title XV Total	49,069,193	49,069,193
SERVICE SUMMARY		
Army	30,010,112	30,010,112
Navy	2,334,821	2,334,821
Marine Corps	2,899,800	2,899,800
Air Force	4,206,374	4,206,374
Defense-Wide	9,618,087	9,618,087
Total	49,069,193	49,069,193

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PROGRAM TITLE	Committee Authorization Recommendation	Committee Budget Authority Recommendation
PROCUREMENT		
Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles Procurement, Army		
Gun Trucks	2,450	2,450
Stryker - combat losses	30,000	30,000
Small Arms and Modifications		
M16 rifle mods (budget realignment)	2,000	2,000
M16 rifle mods	55,300	55,300
M240 medium machine gun mods (budget realignment)	7,100	7,100
M240 medium machine gun mods	9,372	9,372
M240 medium machine gun (7.62mm) (budget realignment)	14,100	14,100
M240 medium machine gun (7.62mm)	107,944	107,944
M4 carbine mods (budget realignment)	44,800	44,800
M4 carbine mods	29,595	29,595
M4 carbine (budget realignment)	3,200	3,200
M4 carbine	168,237	168,237
M249 SAW mods (budget realignment)	3,100	3,100
M249 SAW mods	5,728	5,728
M249 SAW machine gun (5.56mm)	54,111	54,111
M107, Cal. 50 sniper rifle (budget realignment)	9,700	9,700
M107, Cal. 50 sniper rifle	9,274	9,274
Small Arms Equipment (Soldier Enhancement Program) (budget real)	5,200	5,200
Small Arms Equipment (Soldier Enhancement Program)	3,416	3,416
M2HB Enhanced .50 Caliber Machine Gun Kits	10,000	10,000
Total Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army	574,627	574,627
Ammunition Procurement, Army		
First Destination Transportation	2,000	2,000
Ammunition Production Force Protection	103,700	103,700
Total Ammunition Procurement, Army	105,700	105,700
Other Procurement, Army		
Up-Armor HMMWVs: M1114, M1151, M1152	250,000	250,000
Add-on-Armor plate for level III and ballistic glass	20,000	20,000
TWV Recap Modernization Program		
HMMWV Recap (budget realignment)	32,800	32,800
HMMWV Recap	208,000	208,000
FMTVs	50,000	50,000
HEMTT Recap	60,400	60,400
HEMTT Recap (budget realignment)	40,700	40,700
M915A1 Replacements	15,000	15,000
SINCGARS Family (budget realignment)	55,500	55,500
SINCGARS Family	117,000	117,000
Defense advanced global positioning system receiver (DAGR) (budget r	22,350	22,350
Defense advanced global positioning system receiver (DAGR)	5,000	5,000
Mounted Battle Command on the Move (MBCOTM)	30,000	30,000
Prophet/COBRA	145,000	145,000
IED Jammers	35,000	35,000
Low cost ECM production	10,000	10,000
Night Vision Devices (budget realignment)	164,700	164,700
Night Vision Devices	62,300	62,300
Force XXI Battle Command BDE and Below (FBCB2)	183,000	183,000
Tactical Common Data Link	72,000	72,000
Biometrics Automated Toolset (BAT)	14,700	14,700
Tactical Operations Centers	84,000	84,000
Construction Equipment SLEP	25,000	25,000
Hemorrhage Control	20,000	20,000
HMMWV and Tactical Truck Crew Trainers	25,000	25,000

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PROGRAM TITLE	Committee Authorization Recommendation	Committee Budget Authority Recommendation
Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM)	182,900	182,900
Persistent Threat Detection System (PTDS), OIF Operational Loss Repl:	15,000	15,000
Total Other Procurement, Army	1,945,350	1,945,350
Weapons Procurement, Navy		
EOD/Naval Coastal Warfare Small Arms	36,800	36,800
Total Weapons Procurement, Navy	36,800	36,800
Ammunition Procurement, Navy / Marine Corps		
Ammunition Requirements for FSRG	20,221	20,221
155mm Fuze-Electronic Time M762A1	10,000	10,000
Igniter-Time Blasting Fuze M81	5,000	5,000
Detonator, Non-Electric MK154	10,000	10,000
66mm Rocket-High Explosive M72A7	11,000	11,000
155mm Multi Option Fuze M782	6,000	6,000
120mm Tank Ammunition-M1028 Canister	3,000	3,000
155mm High Explosive Projectile M795	15,000	15,000
.50 Caliber Cartridges	13,000	13,000
7.62mm Cartridges	1,500	1,500
40mm M430 HEDP	30,000	30,000
120mm Cartridges M830A1 HEAT-MP-T	10,000	10,000
C4 Charges M58A4 HE	10,000	10,000
Total Ammunition Procurement, Navy / Marine Corps	144,721	144,721
Other Procurement, Navy		
EOD/Naval Coastal Warfare Equipment Allowance	7,000	7,000
EOD/Naval Coastal Warfare Equipment Allowance	8,300	8,300
Total Other Procurement, Navy	15,300	15,300
Procurement, Marine Corps		
Miniature Transceiver (Blue Force Tracker)	7,400	7,400
Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) - 48 vehicles to support FSRG	104,000	104,000
Weapons under \$5 million	10,800	10,800
Night Vision Equipment	276,000	276,000
PSS-14 Metal Detectors and other items	1,300	1,300
Tactical Radios (PRC-117 and PRC-150 radios)	25,000	25,000
JTRS Legacy Bridge - EPLRS	17,900	17,900
Advanced Compact Optical Gunsights	3,000	3,000
Total Procurement, Marine Corps	445,400	445,400
Procurement, Defense-wide		
MH-47 infrared engine exhaust suppressor	7,700	7,700
High performance mobility FLIR (ground)	10,800	10,800
High performance mobility FLIR (maritime)	6,000	6,000
Multi-band inter/intra team radio	13,500	13,500
Multi-band multi mission radio	65,900	65,900
Total Procurement, Defense-wide	103,900	103,900
Total Procurement	3,371,798	3,371,798
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION		
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Defense-Wide		
Counter-Terrorism Technical Working Group	25,000	25,000
Quick Reaction Special Projects	50,000	50,000
Total RDTE, Defense-Wide	75,000	75,000
Total Research, Development, Test and Evaluation	75,000	75,000

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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
Operation and Maintenance, Army		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	18,000,630	18,000,630
Incremental ONE wartime costs	181,000	181,000
Base support - mobilization and demobilization costs related to OIF/OEF	420,500	420,500
Operational tempo - ground miles (budget realignment)	115,700	115,700
Repair parts - ground and air (budget realignment)	54,900	54,900
Rapid Fielding Initiative sustainment (budget realignment)	102,800	102,800
Unit of Action Experimentation and Exercises (budget realignment)	37,236	37,236
Depot maintenance (budget realignment)	269,800	269,800
Second destination transportation	33,700	33,700
NATO support (budget realignment)	11,835	11,835
Sustainment System Technical Support (budget realignment)	116,000	116,000
Sustainment System Technical Support	52,000	52,000
Virtual convoy combat trainer	7,700	7,700
Sustainment costs related to end strength increase	792,000	792,000
Recruiting and retention initiatives	81,000	81,000
Community based health care organizations	22,600	22,600
Post deployment health care screening	5,600	5,600
Total Operations and Maintenance, Army	20,305,001	20,305,001
Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve		
Recruiting and retention initiatives	13,900	13,900
Army Reserve family support centers	12,500	12,500
Total Operations and Maintenance, Army Reserve	26,400	26,400
Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard		
Recruiting and retention initiatives	147,000	147,000
National Guard family support centers	12,500	12,500
Total Operations and Maintenance, Army National Guard	159,500	159,500
Operation and Maintenance, Navy		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	1,638,000	1,638,000
Operational tempo - steaming days (budget realignment)	180,000	180,000
Navy recruiting advertising	20,000	20,000
Total Operations and Maintenance, Navy	1,838,000	1,838,000
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	1,241,000	1,241,000
Operational tempo - ground miles (budget realignment)	95,900	95,900
M1A1 depot maintenance (budget realignment)	51,800	51,800
Reset costs - spare parts	250,000	250,000
Depot maintenance	40,000	40,000
Personnel Clothing and Equipment	65,100	65,100
Sustainment costs related to end strength increase	48,000	48,000
Total Operations and Maintenance, Marine Corps	1,791,800	1,791,800
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	2,211,990	2,211,990
Incremental ONE wartime costs	270,062	270,062
Operational tempo - flying hour program (budget realignment)	476,000	476,000
Deployable phase maintenance kit	86,000	86,000
Depot purchased equipment maintenance	151,300	151,300
Total Operations and Maintenance, Air Force	3,195,352	3,195,352
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide		

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Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	2,870,333	2,870,333
Total Operations and Maintenance, Defense-wide	2,870,333	2,870,333
Total Operation and Maintenance	30,186,386	30,186,386
OTHER PROGRAMS		
Defense Working Capital Funds		
Fuel price increase	1,700,000	1,700,000
Total Defense Working Capital Funds	1,700,000	1,700,000
Defense Health Program		
Incremental wartime costs	660,000	660,000
Army costs related to end strength increase	161,000	161,000
USMC costs related to end strength increase	23,000	23,000
Army rehabilitation for severely wounded and injured	2,000	2,000
Total Defense Health Program	846,000	846,000
Iraqi Freedom Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Classified Programs	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total Other Programs	6,046,000	6,046,000
MILITARY PERSONNEL		
Military Personnel, Army		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	5,043,534	5,043,534
Army active end strength increase	1,580,000	1,580,000
Recruiting and retention initiatives	65,800	65,800
Total Military Personnel, Army	6,689,334	6,689,334
Military Personnel, Army Reserve		
Recruiting and retention initiatives	68,000	68,000
Special training	47,000	47,000
Branch officer basic course	22,200	22,200
Total Military Personnel, Army Reserve	137,200	137,200
Military Personnel, Army National Guard		
Initial entry training	67,000	67,000
Total Military Personnel, Army National Guard	67,000	67,000
Military Personnel, Navy		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	300,000	300,000
Total Military Personnel, Navy	300,000	300,000
Military Personnel, Marine Corps		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	435,600	435,600
Marine Corps active end strength increase	227,000	227,000
Total Military Personnel, Marine Corps	662,600	662,600
Military Personnel, Air Force		
Incremental OIF/OEF wartime costs	785,622	785,622
Incremental ONE wartime costs	225,400	225,400
Total Military Personnel, Marine Corps	1,011,022	1,011,022
Military Personnel, Benefits		
Hardship duty pay (budget realignment)	36,000	36,000
Family separation allowance (budget realignment)	100,000	100,000

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PROGRAM TITLE	Committee Authorization Recommendation	Committee Budget Authority Recommendation
Imminent danger pay (budget realignment)	85,854	85,854
Death gratuity permanent increase	100,000	100,000
Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance permanent increase	118,000	118,000
Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance monthly premium for OEF/OIF	39,000	39,000
Allowance for housing for dependents of deceased members permanent	7,000	7,000
Travel for family of hospitalized Servicemembers in the US permanent	3,000	3,000
Prohibition on charges for meals during medical recuperation permanent	1,000	1,000
Traumatic injury protection	30,000	30,000
Special pay during rehabilitation for combat injuries	3,000	3,000
Total Military Personnel, Benefits	522,854	522,854
Total Military Personnel	9,390,010	9,390,010
Total	49,069,193	49,069,193

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Budget Realignment

The committee's recommendation in this title includes a realignment of \$2.1 billion from the budget request for programs and projects relating to the global war on terror. The committee's recommendation would ensure that funding relating to the global war on terror is accurately consolidated in this title as well as facilitate proper execution of the funds during fiscal year 2006.

Procurement

The committee's recommendations for procurement in this title include continued support of the force protection needs of units deployed and engaged in the global war on terrorism. Included in the force protection recommendation is funding for Up-Armor High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), tactical wheeled vehicle recapitalization and modernization programs for the most heavily used vehicles in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, night vision devices and improvised explosive device jammers. In addition, the committee recognizes the need to replenish critical small arms and ammunition procurement programs. Included in the small arms and procurement recommendation is funding for the M16 rifle, M240 medium machine gun and M4 carbine modifications and .50 caliber cartridges, 120mm tank ammunition canister, and 155mm high explosive projectiles.

The budget request contained \$129.7 million for Special Operations Forces (SOF) rotary wing upgrades and sustainment, but included no funds for the MH-47 infrared engine exhaust suppressor. The committee understands that these helicopter heat suppressors are a critical force protection requirement for the Army SOF MH-47 fleet now operating in a hostile environment, and believes that the entire fleet should be protected as soon as these suppressors can be manufactured. The committee notes that this item is on the unfunded priority list of the Commander, Special Operations Command. The committee recommends \$137.5 million for SOF rotary wing upgrades and sustainment, an increase of \$7.8 million for the procurement of additional MH-47 infrared engine exhaust suppressors.

Operations and Maintenance

The military departments and defense agencies need operations and maintenance funds to pay for food, fuel, spare parts, maintenance, transportation, camp, post, and base expenses associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Without additional funding at the start of fiscal year 2006, the military departments will be forced to use third and fourth quarter funds in the initial months of fiscal year 2006 to pay for OIF and OEF costs. The committee's recommendation includes costs associated with Operation Noble Eagle as well as the additional costs incurred by stateside installations for increased mobilizations and demobilizations due to OIF and OEF.

Military Personnel

Over the past three years, the committee has recommended increases in the active component manpower to sustain the full range of capabilities required of the mission assigned to the armed forces. The committee recommends funding in this title a cumulative active component increase of 30,000 for the Army and 4,000 for the Marine Corps over and above the budget request. Included in the committee's recommendation are the costs associated with Operation Noble Eagle as well as continued support for the recent benefit increases to the death gratuity and Survivor's Group Life Insurance.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

SUBTITLE A—GENERAL INCREASES

Section 1501—Purpose

This section would establish this title and make emergency authorization of appropriations available upon enactment of this Act for the Department of Defense, in addition to amounts otherwise authorized in this Act, to provide for additional costs due to the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Section 1502—Army Procurement

This section would authorize an additional \$2.6 billion for Army procurement.

Section 1503—Navy and Marine Corps Procurement

This section would authorize an additional \$642.2 million for Navy and Marine Corps procurement.

Section 1504—Defense-Wide Activities Procurement

This section would authorize an additional \$103.9 million for Defense-Wide Activities procurement.

Section 1505—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide Activities

This section would authorize an additional \$75.0 million for Defense-Wide Activities research, development, test and evaluation.

Section 1506—Operations and Maintenance

This section would authorize an additional \$30.2 billion for operations and maintenance programs.

Section 1507—Defense Working Capital Funds

This section would authorize an additional \$1.7 billion for Defense Working Capital Funds.

Section 1508—Defense Health Program

This section would authorize an additional \$846.0 million to the Defense Health Program for operations and maintenance.

Section 1509—Military Personnel

This section would authorize an additional \$9.4 billion for military personnel.

Section 1510—Iraq Freedom Fund

This section would authorize an additional \$1.0 billion for the Iraq Freedom Fund to remain available for transfer until April 30, 2006.

Section 1511—Classified Programs

This section would authorize an additional \$2.5 billion for the classified programs.

Section 1512—Treatment as Additional Authorization

This section would authorize an additional \$49.0 billion for emergency contingency operations related to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Section 1513—Transfer Authority

This section would provide transfer authority of \$3.0 billion to the Department of Defense for the authorizations contained in this title.

Section 1514—Availability of Funds

This section would require the funds provided in this title to be made available for obligation by the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 2006.

SUBTITLE B—PERSONNEL PROVISIONS

Section 1521—Increase in Active Army and Marine Corps Strength Levels

This section would increase the active strengths for the Army and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2006 by 30,000 and 4,000 respectively above the authorizations contained in section 401. These increases would provide fiscal year 2006 authorized end strengths for the Army of 512,400 and for the Marine Corps of 179,000. This section would also establish new minimum active duty end strengths for the Army and Marine Corps as of September 30, 2006, that reflect the committee's recommendations for Army and Marine Corps end strengths provided by this section. This section would require that the fiscal year 2006 end strength increases authorized by this section over those authorized by section 401 be paid from funds provided in a contingent emergency reserve fund or emergency supplemental.

Section 1522—Additional Authority for Increases of Army and Marine Corps Active Duty End Strengths for Fiscal Years 2007 Through 2009

This section would authorize the Secretary of Defense to increase the Army's active end strengths up to 532,400 by the end of fiscal year 2009, a strength that would be 20,000 above the fiscal year

2006 authorization provided by section 1521. The section also would reaffirm the authorization for future growth in the active end strengths for the Marine Corps that was provided by the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108–375): a growth of up to 184,000 by the end of fiscal year 2009, which is 5,000 above the fiscal year 2006 authorization provided in section 1521. The section would require the Secretary to provide the funding in the budget request in fiscal year 2007 and thereafter, if he proposes to increase the Army or the Marine Corps active duty personnel end strengths as authorized by this section.

Section 1523—Military Death Gratuity Enhancement

This section would authorize an increased death gratuity of \$100,000 to be paid to designated beneficiaries of military deaths resulting from wounds, injuries, and illnesses incurred as a result of combat related circumstances to include armed conflict, hazardous service, performance of duty under conditions simulating war, or through an instrumentality of war, or incurred in a combat operation or zone as designated by the Secretary of Defense. The section would continue the death gratuity increase authorized in section 1013(e)(2) of division A of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109–13).

Section 1524—Permanent Prohibition Against Requiring Certain Injured Members to Pay for Meals Provided by Military Treatment Facilities

This section would preclude service members undergoing medical recuperation, therapy, or other forms of continuous care at a military treatment facility from being charged for meals provided by that medical facility so long as the injury, illness or disease was incurred or aggravated while serving on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, or any other combat operation or zone designated by the Secretary of Defense. The section would continue the restriction against charging for meals that was authorized in section 1023 of division A of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109–13).

Section 1525—Permanent Authority to Provide Travel and Transportation Allowances for Dependents to Visit Hospitalized Members Injured in Combat Operation or Combat Zone

This section would expand the authority for family members to travel within the United States at government expense to visit hospitalized wounded service members who are not seriously ill or injured or near death when the injury was incurred while the member was serving in a combat operation or zone as designated by the Secretary of Defense. This section would continue the transportation benefits that were authorized in section 1026 of division A of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109–13).

Section 1526—Permanent Increase in Length of Time Dependents of Certain Deceased Members May Continue to Occupy Military Family Housing or Receive Basic Allowance for Housing

This section would increase the period that surviving family members of service members who die on active duty would be authorized to reside in government quarters or to receive basic allowance for housing to support a private sector residence from 180 days to 365 days. This section would continue increased housing benefits that were authorized in section 1022 of division A of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109–13).

Section 1527—Availability of Special Pay for Members During Rehabilitation From Combat-Related Injuries

This section would authorize the secretary concerned to pay \$430 per month to a service member with a combat related injury sustained in a combat operation or zone designated by the Secretary of Defense. The pay would begin the month immediately following medical evacuation from the area of the combat operation or the combat zone after the member incurred a wound, injury, or illness that resulted from armed conflict, hazardous service, performance of duty under conditions simulating war, or through an instrumentality of war. The pay would terminate at the end of the first month during which one of the following occurs:

(1) The member is paid a benefit under the traumatic injury rider of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) authorized section 1032 of division A of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109–13).

(2) The member is no longer hospitalized in a military treatment facility or in a facility under the auspices of the military health care system.

Section 1528—Allowance to Cover Monthly Deduction From Basic Pay for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Coverage for Members Serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom

This section would require the secretaries concerned to pay members serving in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) a monthly allowance equal to the deduction in pay required to pay the premium for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage obtained by the member, or an amount equal to the deduction in pay the member would incur if the member had elected the maximum amount of coverage under SGLI. The section would also require the secretaries to provide information about the allowance to members serving in the OEF and OIF theaters and members projected to serve there and to afford such members the opportunity to obtain SGLI insurance coverage or increase their existing coverage.

SUBTITLE C—MATTERS INVOLVING SUPPORT PROVIDED BY FOREIGN
NATIONS

Section 1531—Reimbursement of Certain Coalition Nations for
Support Provided to United States Military Operations

This section would authorize the Secretary of Defense to reimburse foreign military forces for costs they incur in support of U.S. military operations. Since September 11, 2001, several countries have undertaken military operations specifically in support of U.S. military operations in the global war on terrorism. These include Pakistan, Jordan, and other states that would otherwise lack the financial means to support U.S. military operations. In supplemental appropriations, the Congress has provided the Secretary with funds to be used to reimburse those countries. By April 2005, the Secretary is expected to reimburse Pakistan for roughly \$704.0 million in expenses it incurred in fiscal year 2004. In fiscal year 2005, the Secretary expects to reimburse the government of Pakistan for roughly \$1.2 billion in expenses it incurs, largely as a result of military operations along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. This section would enable the Secretary to continue reimbursing countries for their support during fiscal year 2006.

TITLE XVI—CONTRACTORS ON THE BATTLEFIELD
REGULATORY ACT

OVERVIEW

This title would address the myriad of issues related to contractors on the battlefield. The committee is concerned that the Department of Defense has not taken the actions necessary to regulate and account for this growing segment of personnel present in the Department's various areas of operations. This title would define both contractors "accompanying the force" and "not-accompanying the force." This title would specifically address combatant commander policy regarding contractors on the battlefield. Additionally, this title would address the issue of force protection for contractors on the battlefield and policies related to contractors on the battlefield carrying weapons. The committee is concerned that the Department has not adequately addressed the issues of communication and open-source intelligence sharing between the military and contractors on the battlefield.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1601—Short Title

The section would provide that this title may be cited as the "Contractors on the Battlefield Regulatory Act."

Section 1602—Findings

This section would express the findings of Congress that contract personnel have provided invaluable services in support of combat, humanitarian, peacekeeping and reconstruction operations worldwide. Further, contract personnel would be recognized for their contributions, including in some instances the loss of their lives, in